

JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers FY2006

The JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers provides opportunities to young postdoctoral researchers from other countries to conduct, under the guidance of their hosts, cooperative research with leading research groups in universities and other Japanese institutions. The program aims to help such researchers advance their own research while contributing to the advancement of research in Japan and the counterpart countries.

1. FIELDS OF RESEARCH:

All fields of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences are included under this program.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

Each candidate for the Fellowship must:

- 1) Possess either the nationality, permanent resident or citizenship of the nominating country.
- 2) Hold a doctorate degree when the Fellowship goes into effect, which must have been received within six years prior to April 2, 2006.
- 3) Have arranged in advance a research plan with his/her Japanese host.

Note:

- 1) Those who have previously been awarded a fellowship of 12 months or longer under the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program or the STA Fellowship Program are not eligible.
- 2) Those who do not meet the nationality/citizenship requirement may apply for the program only if the competent nominating authorities agree to accept their applications. Such researchers may be nominated to JSPS so long as they do not reduce the number of nominees with eligible status.

3. PERIOD:

From 12 to 24 months

4. STARTING DATE:

Fellows must start their Fellowship in Japan during the period of 1 April 2006 – 30 November 2006.

5. TERMS OF AWARD (FELLOWS ONLY):

- 1) A round-trip air ticket (based on JSPS regulations)
- 2) A monthly maintenance allowance of 392,000 yen
- 3) A settling-in allowance of 200,000 yen
- 4) An annual domestic research travel allowance of 58,500 yen
- 5) Overseas travel accident and sickness insurance coverage

Note:

- 1) The amounts of the Awards indicated above are subject to change.
- 2) If the Fellow resides in Japan on the date his/her award letter is issued, the above-mentioned air ticket to Japan and settling-in allowance will not be provided.
- 3) A research grant, "Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research" (*Tokubetsu Kenkyuin Shorei-hi*) or "Research Grant" (*Shiken Kenkyu-hi*), of up to 1,500,000 yen per year (total of 3,000,000 yen for two years) is available to cover cooperative research-related expenses. Application for these

grants is made by the host researcher through his/her institution.

6. HOST RESEARCHERS AND HOST INSTITUTIONS IN JAPAN:

- Host researchers in Japan must be employed full-time (excluding research assistants) at an institution of one of the types listed below:
 - 1) Universities
 - 2) Inter-university research institutes
 - 3) Research institutes or scientific research corporations under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).
 - 4) Other research institutes and scientific research corporations listed in Table 1 (FY2006)
- Candidates must have arranged in advance a research plan for their stay in Japan with their prospective host researcher.

7. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR THE PROGRAM:

Applications for this program must be submitted to JSPS through a foreign nominating authority. Application process is as follows:

- 1) Contact is made between a foreign scientist who wish to conduct cooperative research in Japan and his/her prospective host.
 - 2) Foreign scientist submits an application to a nominating authority.
 - 3) Nominating authority selects the candidates and nominates them to JSPS.
- * JSPS does not find or introduce host scientists.
 - ** Application deadline and selection procedure differs by each nominating authority.
 - *** Apart from receiving applications through foreign nominating authorities, JSPS also accepts applications from Japanese researchers who agree to host a foreign postdoctoral researcher. For details on this application channel, please see our website: <http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-fellow/fellow.html>

8. MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED:

- 1) Application form (research data) written by each candidate (Format 2)
 - 2) A letter of acceptance/invitation from the candidate's prospective host researcher in Japan, stating that he/she accepts the candidate at his/her institution.
 - 3) A letter of reference/recommendation from the candidate's current or previous supervisor (not from his/her prospective host researcher in Japan).
 - 4) A copy of the candidate's doctoral degree certificate. If the degree has not yet been awarded, a letter is required from the candidate's institution stating the date that he/she will officially receive the degree.
 - 5) Supplementary documents (if necessary)
- * All documents except degree certificate must be the original.
 - ** All documents must be in either English or Japanese. When the original document is in another language, please be sure to attach an English translation (which does not need to be an official translation, but may be done by the host or candidate).

9. REPORTING OBLIGATION:

The fellowship awardees and their host researchers must submit two research reports: (1) an interim report at the 12-month juncture of the fellow's tenure, and (2) a final report within one month of the completion of his/her tenure.

- * The names of the awardees and their host researchers as well as their research themes and reports are subject to public disclosure.